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SUBJ: LABOR DAY MANIFESTO

1. ONE EVE OF MAY 1 LABOR DAY FESTIVITIES AT MALACANANG, APRIL 30 BULLETIN TODAY CARRIED TEXT OF LABOR MANIFESTO ISSUED BY MAJOR TRADE UNIONS. IDENTIFYING LEAD -- "WORKERS PLEDGE LOYALTY TO GOVERNMENT IN MANIFESTO" -- RATHER ACCURATELY DESCRIBES TONE OF STATEMENT. HIGHLIGHTS SUMMARIZED BELOW.

2. ON THIRD LABOR DAY SINCE MARTIAL LAW, LABOR HAS MANY THINGS TO BE GRATEFUL FOR. ORGANIZED WORKERS ARE NOW SLOWLY BUT SURELY GRAVITATING TOWARDS A COMMON UNITY. WHILE MANY WORKERS STILL FIND IT DIFFICULT TO MAKE BOTH ENDS MEET, PHILIPPINE LABOR APPRECIATES ACHIEVEMENT SIGNIFICANT REFORMS AND INNOVATIONS UNDER "INSPIRING LEADERSHIP" AND "EXTRAORDINARY VISION" OF PRESIDENT MARCOS. HOWEVER, SOME OF VICES OF OLD SOCIETY HAVE NOT YET BEEN TOTALLY ERADICATED. PHILIPPINE LABOR TODAY EARNESTLY ASKS PRESIDENT TO GIVE IT ADEQUATE REPRESENTATION IN ALL POLICY-MAKING BODIES AND COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT.

3. IN LIGHT OF SERIOUS CRISES TRANSPIRING ABROAD, SOME JUST A FEW HUNDRED MILES FROM OUR SHORES, PHILIPPINES LABOR JOINS AND FULLY SUPPORTS CALL OF PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL UNITY. LABOR FURTHER AGREES WITH PRESIDENT
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THAT WE MUST RELY ON OURSELVES AND IN THIS SPIRIT "WE

SHOULD REEXAMINE OUR MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY WITH THE
UNITED STATES."
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